

Committee on International Relations

January 13, 1976

MEMO

TO: MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

FROM: Congressmen Stephen Solarz and Don Fraser ✓

RE: Meeting with Professor Edwin O. Reischauer to discuss the Solarz-Fraser amendment on gradual U.S. troop withdrawal from South Korea

We have scheduled a meeting for Monday, January 19 at 2:00 p.m., in H-236 for Members and their staff to meet with Professor Reischauer and address questions to him regarding the Solarz-Fraser amendment for gradual U.S. troop withdrawal from South Korea. It is expected the Committee will consider this amendment on January 20, 1976.

Professor Reischauer is one of our foremost scholars on Asian affairs. He is currently professor of history at Harvard University. He served as our ambassador to Japan. Enclosed is a copy of the letter he sent to Congressman Fraser concerning our amendment.

The Solarz-Fraser amendment calls for a phased withdrawal of all U.S. military forces from South Korea with a significant reduction to be made as early as practicable but not later than fiscal year 1978. Removal of all forces would not take place until the "modernizing of the armed forces of the R.O.K. has been substantially completed and the R.O.K. has thereby achieved the military capacity to defend itself against an attack by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)." The plan for withdrawal could be revised if the DPRK "significantly alters the military balance in a manner which impairs the defense capability of the R.O.K." Continuation of all forms of military aid and sales is dependent upon the President complying with the above amendment.

We hope you will be able to attend the meeting. Would you please call Jeanne Salvia on X55318 by Thursday, January 15, to advise as to whether or not you will be able to attend.

Enclosure

Routing Slip

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2	DDC		✓	12	IG		
3	S/MC			13	Compt		
4	DDSC		✓	14	Asst/DCI		✓
5	DDI		✓	15	AO/DCI		
6	DD CS		✓	16	Ex/Sec		
7	DDC		✓	17			
8	D/DC IC		✓	18			✓
9	D/DCI NIO		✓	19			
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